**College of Criminal Justice Faculty Excellence in Research Award**

**Nomination Process and Selection Criteria**

This award recognizes outstanding research by a faculty member in the College of Criminal Justice (COCJ). This document establishes the application guidelines and criteria for selection of the award recipient.

**1. Eligibility and the Number of Awards.** Only tenure, tenure track faculty members or professors of practice with an appointment in the COCJ are eligible for nomination. One faculty member in COCJ may be selected for this award each year. The selection committee may also elect not to bestow the award in any given year, at the discretion of the selection committee. Individuals who have won the award previously are ineligible for the award during the five calendar years after they have received the award.[[1]](#footnote-1)

**2. Nominations.** Letters of nominations will be accepted from tenured, tenure track faculty or professors of practice in COCJ, including administrators holding tenured, tenure track, or professor of practice appointments in COCJ. Self-nominations will be accepted. In the event that a member of the Awards Committee is nominated, that person shall recuse themself from the meeting during any discussions or deliberations concerning the nominees.

**3. The Nature of the Research.** Nominees should demonstrate a record of excellence in scholarly, research productivity. This record should exemplify impactful and meaningful research productivity. The record should demonstrate quality research, a positive and visible impact upon the research community and/or literature, or a positive impact upon the practice of criminal justice, forensic science, victim studies, or security studies. Indicators of excellence may include: peer-reviewed scholarly publications in high-impact journals and/or articles that are well cited in the literature; original books published at scholarly presses or of considerable scholarly merit; a record of securing external research grants from prestigious funding organizations (e.g., NSF, NIJ) or a record of securing sizable sums of external grant funding; or conducting research with a criminal justice agency that results in beneficial and impactful reforms or improvements in justice.

**4. Time span.** The time period of consideration for demonstration of excellence in research encompasses the two calendar years prior to the year in which the nomination is submitted.[[2]](#footnote-2)

**5. Elements of a nomination packet.** A nomination must contain 1) a letter of nomination; and 2) a current Vitae of the nominee. Nomination packets may also contain additional supporting evidence (2-3 pages maximum).

**6. Nomination Deadline and Selection Committee.** The selection of an awardee is administered by the Award and Beto Chair Selection Committee. Nominations are due by the posted deadline in the Spring semester in which the award is to be presented.

**7. The award.** The award will be a plaque and a cash award provided by the College of Criminal Justice at the annual Honors Convocation.

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1. For example, a faculty member who won the award in calendar year 2022 cannot be nominated until 2028. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. For example, nominations submitted during the calendar year 2021 will cover research excellence that occurred during 2019 and 2020. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)